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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTS OF EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA MEET

1. SALVADORAN PRESIDENT ARTURO ARMANDO MOLINA, HIS FOREIGN
AND DEFENSE MINISTERS, AND OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
GENERAL CARLOS HUMBERTO ROMERO PAID A FIVE-HOUR VISIT TO
GUATEMALA DECEMBER 28 AND MET WITH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD AND HIS
FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS AT GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRESIDENTIAL
ESTATE IN ESCUINTLA. CO COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED BUT PARTICIPANTS
MET WITH REPORTERS AFTERWARDS.

2. ACCORDING PRESS, LEADERS DISCUSSED SUBJECTS OF GENERAL
INTEREST TO CENTRAL AMERICA, PARTICULARLY EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS
DISPUTE. LAUGERUD POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD ALSO MET BRIEFLY
DECEMBER 22 WITH HONDURAN PRESIDENT MELGAR, "WITH WHOM HE
DISCUSSED THE NECESSITY AND CONVENIENCE FOR ALL CENTRAL
AMERICANS OF REACHING A SOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE AND
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A RETURN TO NORMALITY IN THE ISTHMUS." LAUGERUD HAD
BEEN ABLE, HE SAID, TO ESTABLISH THERE IS GOOD DISPOSI-
TION ON PART OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO FIND A SOLUTION
AND GUATEMALA IS ALWAYS READY, IF AND WHEN ASKED, TO
RENDER ANY ASSISTANCE WITHIN ITS CAPABILITY TO THAT
END. PRESIDENT MOLINA SAID EFFORTS TO SOLVE PROBLEM

ARE CONTINUING AND NOTED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY
DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT ON THE PHONE WITH MELGAR.

3. BOTH PRESIDENTS SAID THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT A
RUMORED DECISION BY VENEZUELA NOT TO RAISE PRICES ON
SALES OF CRUDE OIL TO CENTRAL AMERICA OR ABOUT AN
ALLEGED PROPOSAL BY SOMOZA FOR ANOTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN
SUMMIT. MOLINA, ASKED ABOUT THE PROPOSED COFFEE
BOYCOTT IN NEW YORK, SAID THE RECENT UPS AND DOWNS IN
COFFEE PRICES WERE ENTIRELY NORMAL AND HE DID NOT
BELIEVE ANY ATTITUDE PREDUDICIAL TO THE COFFEE
PRODUCERS WOULD DEVELOP IN THE US.

4. GENERAL ROMERO DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL SITUATION
IN SALVADOR AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE OF VICTORY IN
THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. ONE PAPER QUOTED HIM AS
SAYING THAT THE OPPOSITION HAD CHOSEN A RETIRED MILITARY
OFFICER AS ITS CANDIDATE, IN THE HOPE OF WINNING "JUST
AS HAPPENED IN GUATEMALA." IF ROMERO IN FACT SAID
ANY SUCH THING, IN THE PRESENCE OF LAUGERUD, IT
RANKS AS ONE OF THE GREAT ALL-TIME GAFFES.
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